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### **BLM-Carlsbad Issues Fire and Smoking Restrictions**

CARLSBAD – The Bureau of Land Management has issued a Fire Restriction Order for public land in Lea, Eddy and Chaves Counties, according to BLM-Carlsbad Field Office Manager Leslie Theiss.

The restrictions, effective June 1 until further notice, prohibit:

- building or using a fire, campfire, charcoal boiler or wood stove without a permit, except in developed camping and picnicking areas (use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is allowed);
- smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter barren of flammable material;
- operating a chainsaw without a permit, and
- using fireworks.

“These restrictions are in line with those of other federal and state agencies during this time of extreme fire danger,” according to Noe Gonzalez, BLM-Carlsbad assistant field manager.

Firefighters and persons with permits authorizing the otherwise prohibited acts are exempt from the order. Violators may be fined up to \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 12 months.